

REMARKS

I. General

In response to the restriction requirement in the previous office action, Applicant has canceled the non-elected claims 6-12 and 18-24 without prejudice. In addition, Applicant has amended page 1 of the specification to include serial numbers of co-pending related applications.

II. The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 1, 3, 5, 13, 15, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,477,543. Claims 2, 4, 14, and 16 are allowable.

Independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended to include limitations of allowable claims 2 and 14, respectively. Accordingly, these claims should be in condition for allowance. Claims 3 and 5 & claims 15 and 17 are dependent on claims 1 and 13, respectively; thus, these claims should also be in condition for allowance. Claims 4 and 16 have been canceled.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would help advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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